



# Hotline

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## *In this issue of Hagerty Hotline...*

The latest edition of *Hotline* comes to you amidst a flurry of events, shows, races and general classic car excitement! Since our last *Hotline*, we have been busy exhibiting at the Race Retro show at Stoneleigh Park (check out our piece on page 2), travelling to Arizona and attending the amazing auctions staged there in January (see the article on page 3), and attending the West Midlands Classic Car Show and the Hull-to-Scarborough Veteran Car Run! We are also lucky enough to have been at many historic race events especially enjoying The Masters Race Series meets.

For a little fun we have also given ourselves an unlimited imaginary budget to build our own fantasy garage. Check out the fantasy collection on page 4.

Finally, we celebrated 'Drive It Day' on 22 April with 124 participants arriving at our offices for soup, rolls and a couple of laps of the Silverstone National Circuit.

Once again, many thanks to you—our clients, policyholders and friends—for making our job an enjoyable one!

Angus Forsyth  
*Managing Director*

## DRIVE IT DAY { 22 APRIL 2007 }

This year's annual celebration of classic motoring was celebrated by the Hagerty Team and Classic Car enthusiasts on 22 April.

With the support of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC), local classic car owners were invited to join the Hagerty Team at their headquarters at Silverstone.

Over 120 cars arrived and enjoyed 50 miles road run around the Northants, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire countrysides. The run finished back at Silverstone, where the participants were then taken to the pit lane before embarking on a few laps of the National Circuit! All the cars followed a pace car to make sure that

they were all put through their paces safely.

Upon completion of their time on the circuit, the cars and drivers then convened at the Hagerty office for hot soup and rolls, as well as being handed 'goodie bags.' They kindly parted with a little money for a raffle, raising almost £1,200 for Northants and Warwickshire Air Ambulance and the Motorsport Safety Fund.

The highlights of the morning came from seeing a 1903 Humberette, SS100, Lancia Zagato, Talbot Largo, Jensen all rubbing shoulders with E Types, a Countach and members of the local Triumph Stag Club.

Our thanks to all participants. We hope to see you on 20 April 2008!



# 2007

## Schedule of Events

### JULY

28 – 30

Silverstone Classic, Silverstone

### AUGUST

4 – 5

TVR Car Club Celebrations,  
Rockingham, Northants

5 – 6

VSCC Hill Climb, Prescott, Glos

12 – 14

Old Timers Grand Prix,  
Nurburgring, Germany

18

Capel Car Show

19 – 25

Pebble Beach Concours  
d'Elegance, California, USA

26 – 28

Oulton Park Gold Cup, Yorkshire

### SEPTEMBER

15 – 16

VSCC See Red, Donington

22 – 23

Ferrari Concours d'Elegance,  
Broughton Castle

23

Berlinetta e Burschetta,  
Tyringham Hall, Northants

### OCTOBER

6 – 9

Spa 6 Hour Endurance,  
Spa, Belgium

### NOVEMBER

5 – 7

London to Brighton Veteran  
Car Run, United Kingdom

10 – 13

Classic Car Show, NEC

## RACE RETRO { 23 – 25 MARCH 2007 }

The 23-25 March saw the Hagerty Team attend their first show of the year, Race Retro at Stoneleigh Park.

This event, formerly known as the International Historic Motorsport Show, is dedicated to classic racing vehicles, events and people.

Hagerty took up their two traditional stand positions, displaying Jos Verstappen's Tyrell F1 car and a gorgeous BN1 Austin Healey, both courtesy of Paul Osborn and his team at Cars International. We also ran a prize draw from the stands and a handful of lucky people won tickets to

the British Grand Prix and the Silverstone Classic!

Star cars at the show were the Diffey Brothers' Bugatti trailer (still caked in mud from its last event), various Group B Rally cars, a resplendent Ferrari 250, and the delightful Ecurie Ecosse Race Transporter and its 'load.'

Thank you to all who came and said hello at the stand.

## THE MASTERS RACING SERIES

Going into 2007, it is clear that The Masters Racing Series now plays a pre-eminent role in historic racing events in UK and Europe.

Started in 2004, when the F1 Grand Prix Masters ran its first season, the business further developed into 2005 with the addition of a series for 1970's era Le Mans Prototypes, known since January 2006 as the Hagerty World Sportscar Masters.

For 2006, Masters took on the management of the long-established and successful Gentleman Drivers series for the iconic 1960's GT & Sportscars – Ferraris, E Types, Astons, Alfas, Cobras and the like – and set up Sports Racing Masters for pre-1966 sports racers. The 2006-2007 'off-season' saw even further expansion for Masters, with the acquisition of Top Hat Racing. As a result, the combined group now covers ten types of historic racing under The Masters Series banner. New for 2007 is Masters Top Hat Saloons for pre-1966 Appendix K FIA touring cars, which will join the 'European Tour' of Masters Series.

Being the insurance partner to the Masters Series, we have been lucky enough to be



in attendance at as many of these exciting race meetings as possible! We have also developed a unique 'race insurance' product for participants in this UK and European Historic racing organisation's events.

The team at the Masters have been great supporters of Hagerty we enjoyed seeing their race series at Brands Hatch in late May, as well as the eagerly-awaited Hagerty World Sportscar Masters DUSK RACE at the Silverstone Classic in late July. This race will echo the atmosphere of the Le Mans 24 Hour race, as the light fades and these fabulous Chevrons, Lolas and Porsches will compete for the Denny Hulme Trophy.

Please visit our website for details; or for more information about the Masters Series and their many European and UK race meetings, visit [www.themastersseries.com](http://www.themastersseries.com) or call their office on 01908 587 454.

## BARRETT JACKSON { 18 - 21 JANUARY 2007 }

Each year, the auction season kicks off with one of the showcase events on the calendar for buyers and sellers alike.



Barrett-Jackson is one of the first complete car and memorabilia auctions of the calendar year, and our own Phil

was lucky enough to be chosen to visit Phoenix, Arizona, to witness the spectacle of this amazing event. Phil joined our colleagues from Michigan when he arrived at the show ground on an early Wednesday morning in January.

Hagerty have a unique stand at these auctions, as for all cars that come off the block, the excited buyer is presented with an indicative premium figure by a member of the Hagerty team. That's 'H-Factor,' the true enthusiasm expressed at any show or auction that Hagerty represents. US customers showed their appreciation constantly during Phil's stay, as they do here in the UK when we're at a show.

Over 1200 cars went under the hammer in less than a week, including enough American Muscle cars to make any dream a reality. \$112 million was auctioned and over \$4 million given to various charities, which is some amount! Cars and stars mixed with the public to make it one of our all time favorite car venues in the world,

Check out Barrett-Jackson 2007 results on [www.barrett-jackson.com](http://www.barrett-jackson.com) or look at the Hagerty blogs from the event on [www.hagerty.com/barrett](http://www.hagerty.com/barrett). You can even see it on Speed TV! Next years dates are the 12-20 January 2008, so please make a visit to the Hagerty stand if you can make the journey to Arizona and the Barrett-Jackson show ground. You will not be disappointed in the slightest!

And remember, things move fast at Barrett-Jackson. If you hear 'SOLD! SOLD! SOLD!' look where your hands are, as you may have just spent some money!



## WEST MIDLANDS CAR CLUB { 14 MAY 2007 }

Maurice Cole, Chairman of the West Midlands Classic Car Club, very kindly invited Hagerty's intrepid Jayne to join him on the club stand at the recent Sandwell Valley Classic Car Show to spread the word to the 'Black Country' enthusiasts about Hagerty.

The day started off on a very promising note when Maurice asked Jayne to travel with his family in his Rolls Royce Silver Shadow. The Rolls is one of Maurice's collection. Like all of his collection, it was in concours condition and had all the luxury you expect to find in one of England's most prestigious cars.

Sadly, typical British weather took control of the event, and the overall attendance was down 75 percent from what would otherwise have been an excellent event.

Jayne's next adventure with the WMCC is a show that is being held at Dudley Zoo in

July. Let's hope that the sun is shining, because it promises to be a good day. Maurice has very kindly (and bravely!) asked Jayne to drive his 911 to the event. Jayne will let you all know how she gets on in the next newsletter. That's if they let her out of the zoo!

## Hagerty's Glorious Garage

Our own Ruth has taken hold of our fantasy cheque book to outfit her dream garage. Here are Ruth's choices:

### 1958 JAGUAR XK-150 ROADSTER 3.4 OTS

This car has always caught my eye with its beautiful curves and its sheer presence. I have a fascination with this exquisite motorcar. Without a doubt, this would be my first purchase to put into Hagerty's dream garage.

### 1989 JAGUAR XJ-S 5.3 V12 COUPE

I've grown up admiring these cars with my brother, and I have to say it's one of my all time favourites. With a long, long bonnet that you have to stretch to look over when driving, and its smooth, silk-like ride, the XJ-S is without a doubt a beautiful car.

### 1963 ALVIS 21 TE

My father and I share the same passion for this gentleman's car. This car has elegance, class and a presence. I once saw a memorable poster for this motorcar. It said 'Men who have arrived, arrive in the Alvis.' I'd have to agree!

### FORD GT40

Every garage should have at least one car that scares its owner a bit. The Ford GT40 is one of those scary cars. It's a license-loser, yet has the style and shape that is undeniably attractive.

### 1961 ASTON MARTIN DB4 SERIES 4

You can't take your eyes off this stunning motorcar. Its long, extended features are elegant and graceful. Its unique features distinguish it from any other car and make it a true British classic to be proud of.

Do you agree with Ruth's selections to start our fantasy garage? If not, please let us know which cars you would include in your ultimate garage. We will choose one at random to include in a future edition of Hotline.

## HULL-TO-SCARBOROUGH VETERAN CAR RUN

{ 19-20 MAY 2007 }

When Hagerty policyholder Steve Wood spoke to the Hagerty Team at the London-to-Brighton Veteran Car Run about a North East Veteran Car Run, none of us realized what an amazing show Steve was planning.

Steve was referring to the Hull-to-Scarborough Veteran Car Run, which originally started in 1947 when an official of the Auto-car and Car Club suggested that the club run an event for old vehicles. A run was arranged from Hull to Bridlington, which proved successful. In 1949, the first Old Timers Run from Hull to Scarborough was held and proved very popular, attracting 86 entries manufactured prior to 31 December 1930.

During 1949, the North East section of the Veteran Car Club of GB was formed, and the committee arranged to make this run an exclusive annual event for the fabulous vehicles. In 1950, the event was becoming so successful that it was nicknamed 'the Brighton of the North,' a reference to the long-standing and famous London to Brighton Veteran Car Run.

For reasons which are unclear, the run was allowed to fall from the Veteran Car calendar. Now Steve and his team have resurrected this event after its 30 year absence.

Being supported by the Northern section of the Veteran Car Club, Steve and his team,



consisting of local enthusiasts and every member of his family, received over 65 pre-1913 cars at the Hull Transport Museum on Saturday 19 May. The exclusive collection consisting of a 1914 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, a 1912 Cadillac and a Panhard first driven in 1897 was bought together by enthusiasts from as far and wide as Europe and Australia!

On Saturday, the participants were sent on an amazing, scenic and challenging route to Scarborough, taking in 54 miles along the way. The following day saw the cars return to the Marina Drive at Hull after being cheered on by thousands of people. This author was very grateful to have received the benefit of traveling on Jim Clarke's 1906 Panhard et Levassor (pictured above) and looks forward to the 2008 event!



## THE HAGERTY BAG REACHES NEW HEIGHTS!

We were very impressed with the photos we received from people spotting our black bags at various interesting locations. But one photo taken by policyholder Rob Lumley at the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro was unbeatable – well done, Rob!